# Navigating the 1890 Gap: Michigan State Census Records

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## What to Expect From Today

- The 1890 gap
  - Federal vs. state censuses
- Surviving Michigan records
  - Library of Michigan holdings
- Research strategies
  - Examples

## The 1890 Gap

- Fire!
  - *Prologue*. Spring 1996 (Vol. 28: No. 1)
- Looking for alternatives?
  - 1890 Union Veterans & Widows
  - City directories
  - State census records
  - **—** ....

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## Genealogical Value

- Another record source
- 1890 gap
- Uniqueness
  - Changing value
- Nomadic ancestors
  - Urban environment

## Here in Michigan

- A little background
- On the "4's"
- Survival of the fittest
- Statistical summaries
- Library holdings

## Closing the Gap

- 1884:
  - All members of household listed
  - Place of birth
  - Length of residence in Michigan
  - Month of birth of children born previous year

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#### 1884 Census

Surviving population schedules

## Closing the Gap

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  - Added value
  - Mother of how many children
  - Length of residence in U.S.
  - Civil War veteran?

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## Utilizing State Census Records

- Cornelius Malone
  - Born c.1864 in Ireland
  - Immigrated to U.S. in 1880's
  - 1900-1930: living in Chicago
  - 5 children born in Michigan

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## Questions

- When did he move to Michigan?
- Where in Michigan?
- How long did he live in Michigan?
- Occupation while here?
- Was he married in Michigan?

## 1884 Kent County

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MALONA ANNIE	NELS	150	54	MANLY LUTHER	ALGO	287	61
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MALONEY JOHN	GR-5	297	63	MANN ROBERT	CALE	294	71
MALONEY MAGGIE	GR-5	252	134	MANNALL DAVID	GR-6	19	4
MALONEY MARIE	GR-5	297	63	MANNAN MORRIS	GR-2	15	2
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	LYTLE, LEWIS	CANN	127	27		MAGOON, HENRY	ALGO	235	48
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#### Answers

- When did he move to Michigan?
  - -1882
- Where in Michigan?
  - Grand Rapids, Kent County
- How long did he live in Michigan?
  - Moved to Chicago in 1896
- Occupation while here?
  - Masonry
- Married in Michigan?
  - Yes

## Utilizing State Census Records

- Fred Walker
  - − b. 1870 in Germany
  - Arrived in US in 1890's
  - No census records in 1900
  - Rumors of brief stay in Michigan

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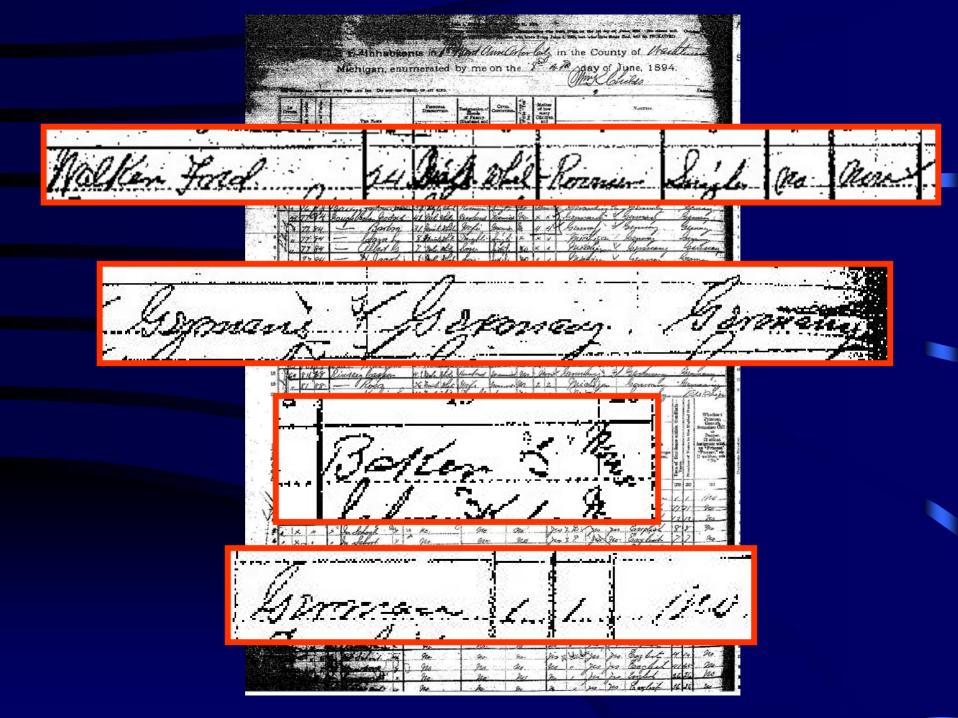
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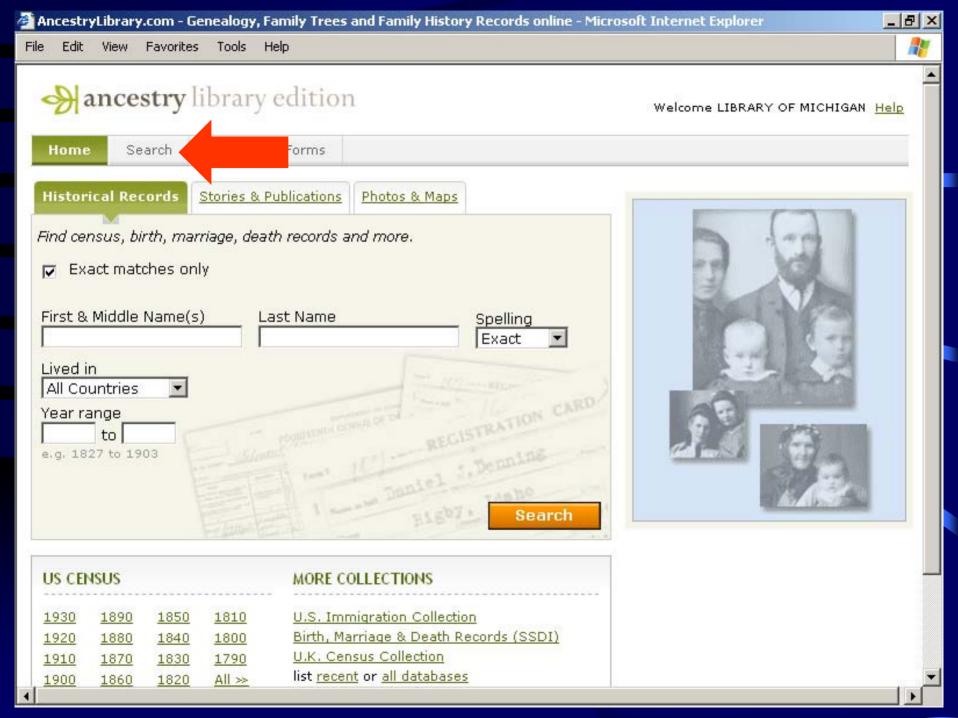
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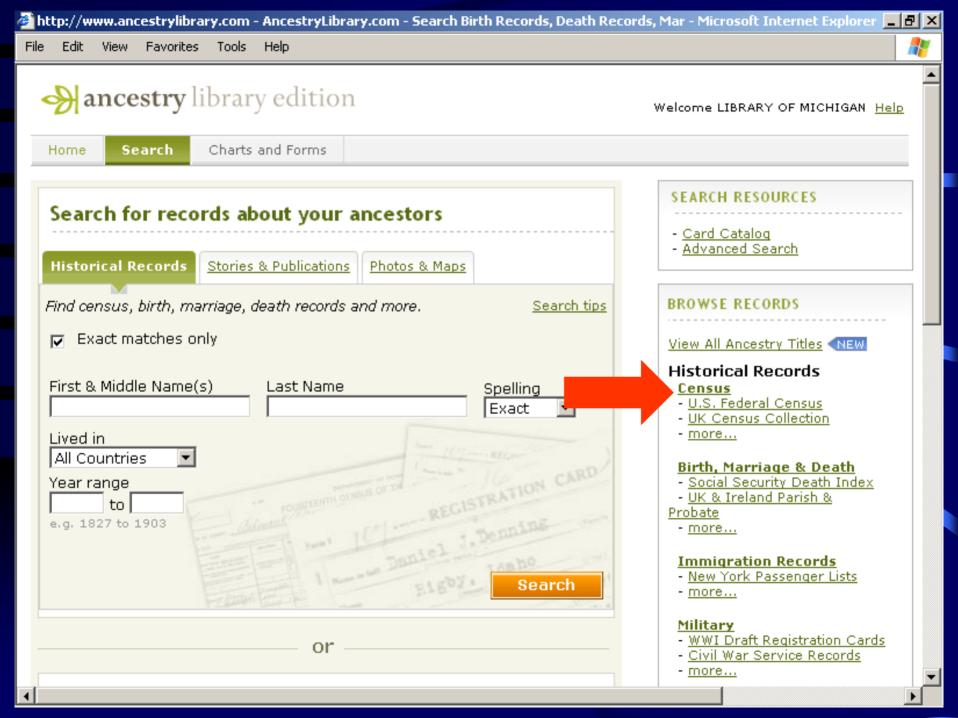
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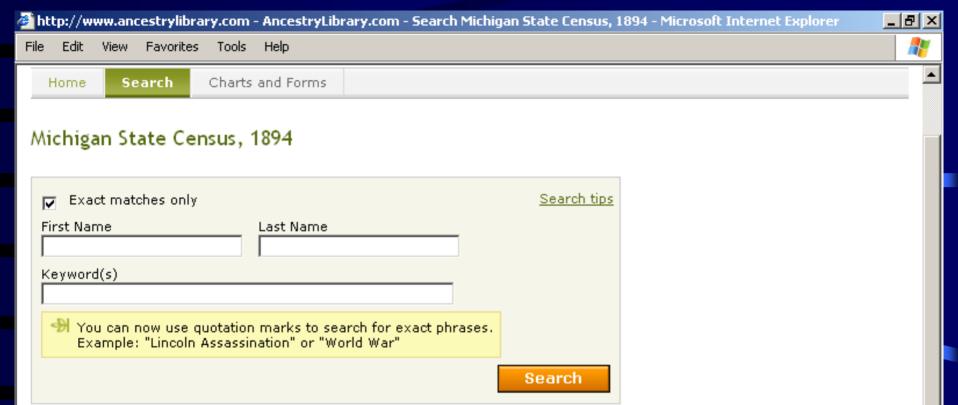


## Ancestry Library Edition

- What's there
  - Closing the 1890 gap
- What's not there
  - Exact citations
  - True indexing







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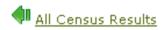
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## Final Thoughts

- 1890 gap can be overcome
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